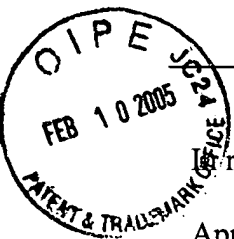


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2004, in which a response is due by February 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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